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National Taxpayers Union Vote Alert

NTU urges all Senators to vote “YES” on the following amendments offered by Senator Tom Coburn to S. 4, the Improving America’s Security Act of 2007.

- **Vote “YES” on Amendment 294**, which would sunset S. 4’s provisions by December 31, 2012. Taxpayers support sunseting in general as a way of ensuring Congressional review of policy priorities and budgetary outlays. The provisions contained in S. 4 are especially worthy of this protection because our national security demands may be very different in five years.
- **Vote “YES” on Amendment 325**, which would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to implement the accounting controls stipulated under the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (IPIA). Too many DHS programs are currently not in compliance with this important law, and this amendment would help prevent waste of taxpayer dollars by requiring programs to follow IPIA’s provisions before future disbursements are made.
- **Vote “YES” on Amendment 345**, which would streamline two similar interoperability grant programs into a single entity that is administered by one lead agency. This amendment would not lower the total amount of money available to grantees, but taxpayers support the language in this measure that would target bureaucratic overlap.

Roll call votes on these Coburn Amendments will be included in our annual Rating of Congress.

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